

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/500,530	CASTADO ET AL.	
	Examiner Padmavathi v. Baskar	Art Unit 1645	

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 10/06/06.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 60, 61, 62, 64 and 66 and have been renumbered as 1-5 respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/20/06.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 1645.
2. Applicant's amendment filed on 10/06/06 is acknowledged.

Examiner's amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Susan Myers on 12/20//06 (see attached interview summary). The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 68, 70, 71, 73-96 are cancelled.

Claim 60. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to amino acid sequence SEQ.ID. NO:2 , wherein said polypeptide when administered to a subject in a suitable composition which can include an adjuvant, or a suitable carrier coupled to the polypeptide, induces an antibody response that recognizes the polypeptide SEQ ID NO:2.

4. In view of cancellation of claims and amendment to the claim 1, all the rejections of record are withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. Claims 60, 61, 62, 64 and 66 are allowed and have been renumbered as 1-5 respectively.

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6. Claims are drawn to a novel recombinant polypeptide, SEQ.ID.NO: 2 from *H. influenzae*. The claimed polypeptide is useful for diagnosis of *H. influenzae* infection.

7. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600, AU 1645 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be transmitted via the PTO Fax Center, which receives transmissions 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The transmission of such papers by facsimile must conform to the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30, November 15, 1989. The Right Fax number is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Padma Baskar Ph.D., whose telephone number is ((571) 272-0853. A message may be left on the Examiner's voice mail system. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 6.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. except First Friday of each bi-week.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew can be reached on (571) 272-0787. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

Padma Baskar Ph.D.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER



CLEAN COPY OF ALLOWED CLAIMS

Claim 60. An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to amino acid sequence SEQ.ID. NO:2 , wherein said polypeptide when administered to a subject in a suitable composition which can include an adjuvant, or a suitable carrier coupled to the polypeptide, induces an antibody response that recognizes the polypeptide SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 61. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 60, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 62. The polypeptide of claim 60, wherein the polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 64. (Previously presented) An isolated fusion protein comprising the polypeptide of claim 60,

Claim 66. The isolated fusion protein of claim 64, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO:2.